GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
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DTH SERVICES IN DOORDARSHAN
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Doordarshan has decided to join the direct-to-home (DTH) services asreported in `Hindustan Times` dated April 15, 2003;

(b) if so, the facts and details thereof;

(c) the time by which the said plan is to be implemented in the country, State-wise, particularly in west Bengal;

(d) the manner in which it is useful for the viewers;

(e) the funds likely to be invested by the Government for the same;

(f) whether the introduction of DTH services is going to have an impact on Cable network;

(g) if so, the details thereof; and

(h) the other steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD)

(a) to (h): In its meting held in April, 2003, the Prasar Bharati Boardhas approved the participation of Doordarshan in the DTH programme. The viewers would be able to receive TV channels without the cable or the intervention of any cable operator. The details of the scheme are yet to be finalised.